

# Findings where images form

- 1) Mirror Equation
- 2) Ray Tracing

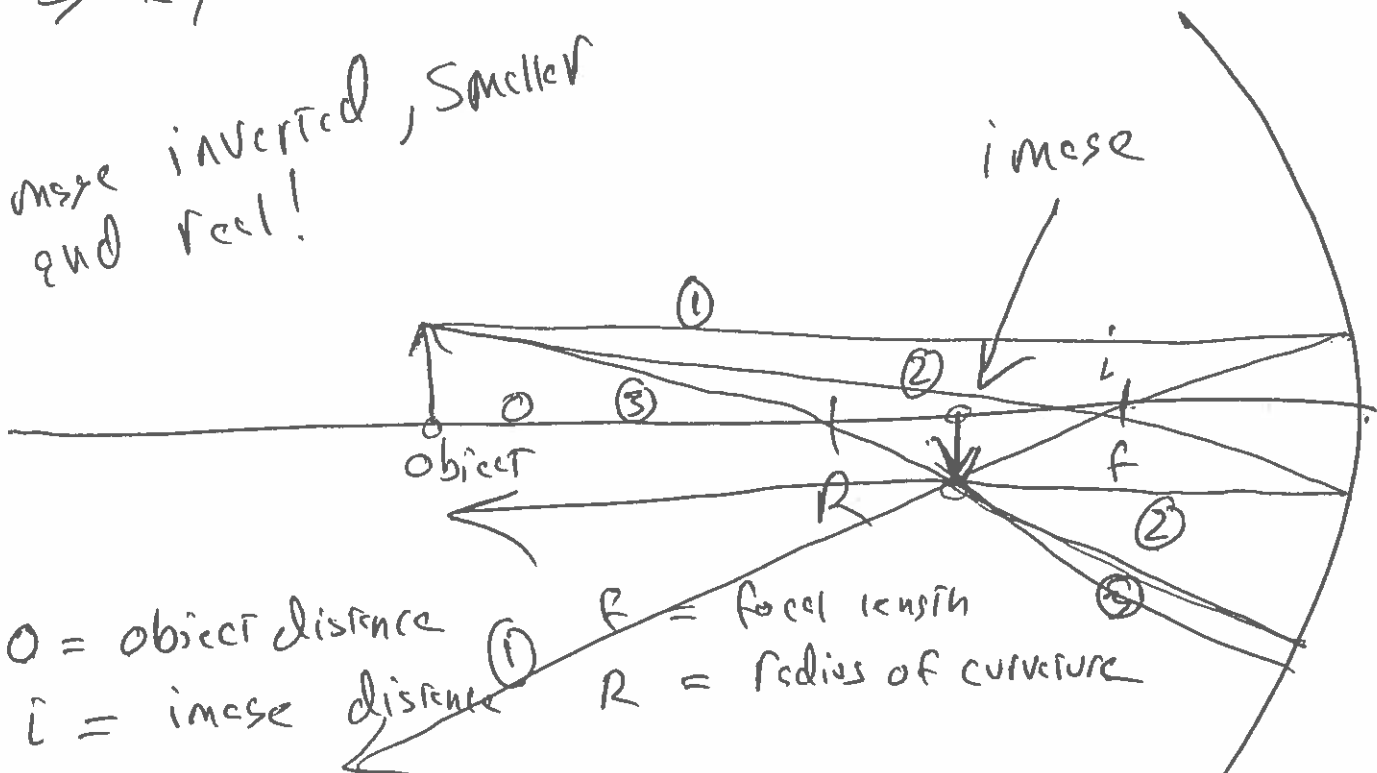
## Ray Tracing

3 Rays one can draw to determine

where the image forms.

- 1) Parallel rays go through focal pt after hitting mirror
- 2) Ray through focal pt comes back parallel to principal axis after hitting mirror
- 3) Ray through center of curvature does not bend

image inverted, smaller and real!

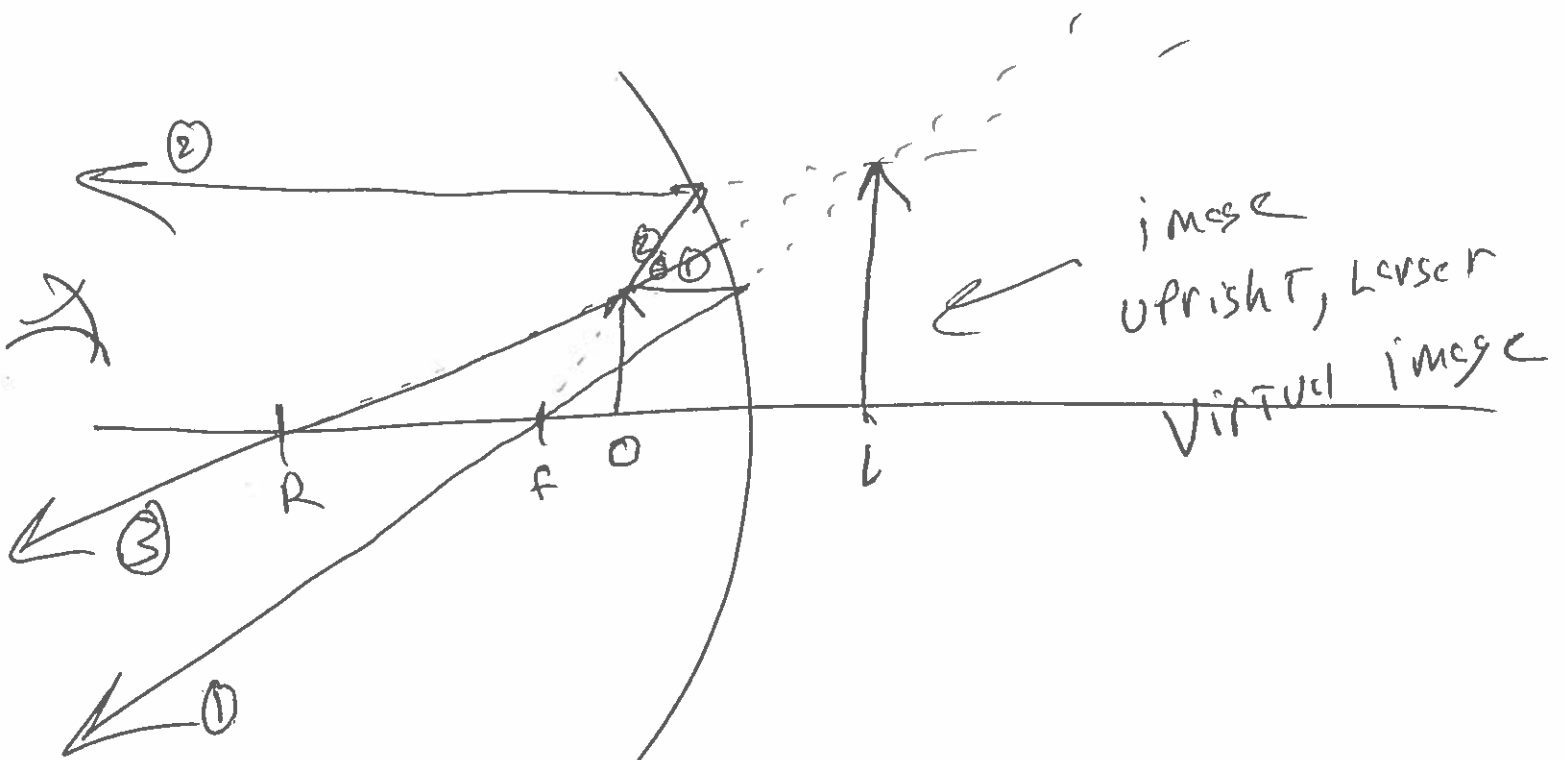
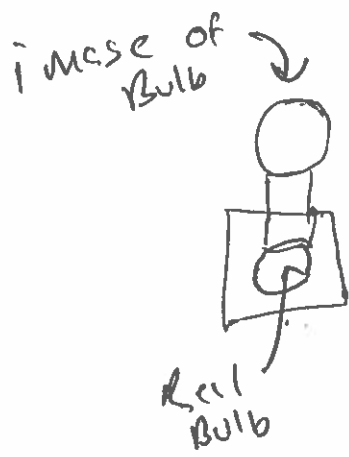


$O$  = object distance

$i$  = image distance

$f$  = focal length

$R$  = radius of curvature



when  $o > f$  for concave mirror  
 real images created

when  $o < f$  for concave mirror  
 virtual images created

when  $o = f$  image forms at  $\infty$ .

## Mirror Equation

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{2}{R} = \frac{1}{o} + \frac{1}{i}$$

Sign Convention	Real etc	+	(i, o)
	Virtual etc	-	(i, o)
	Concave etc	+	(R, f)
	Convex etc	-	(R, f)

eg/ Object 30 cm from a 40 cm radius of curvature concave mirror, where is image? Upright or inverted, Bigger or Smaller?

$$o = 30 \text{ cm} \quad R = 40 \text{ cm} \quad i = ?$$

$$\frac{2}{R} = \frac{1}{o} + \frac{1}{i}$$

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{2}{R} - \frac{1}{o} = \frac{2}{40 \text{ cm}} - \frac{1}{30 \text{ cm}}$$

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{20 \text{ cm}} - \frac{1}{30 \text{ cm}} = \frac{3-2}{60 \text{ cm}} = \frac{1}{60 \text{ cm}}$$

$$\boxed{i = +60 \text{ cm}} \Rightarrow \text{Real, inverted}$$

## Magnification

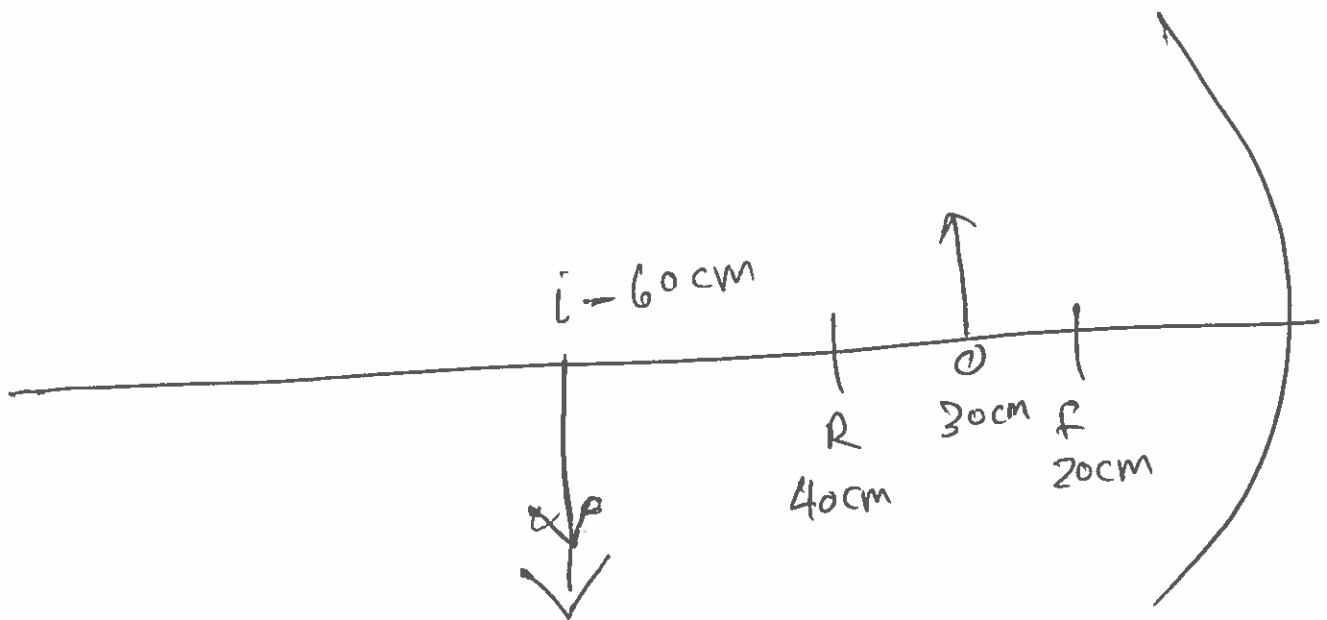
$$M = \frac{h_i}{h_o} \quad \frac{\text{image height}}{\text{object height}}$$

$$M = \frac{-i}{o} = \frac{-\text{image dist}}{\text{object dist}}$$

$$\text{Here } M = -\frac{(+60\text{cm})}{30\text{cm}} = -2\times$$

- sign  $\Rightarrow$  inverted     $2\times \Rightarrow$  Bigger

our image is located 60 cm to left of mirror, inverted, Real, Bigger



ex/ object 10 cm from a 40 cm radius of curvature concave mirror. Where is image? Upright or inverted? Bigger or smaller?

$$O = 10 \text{ cm} \quad R = 40 \text{ cm} \quad f = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$i = ? \quad f = \frac{R}{2}$$

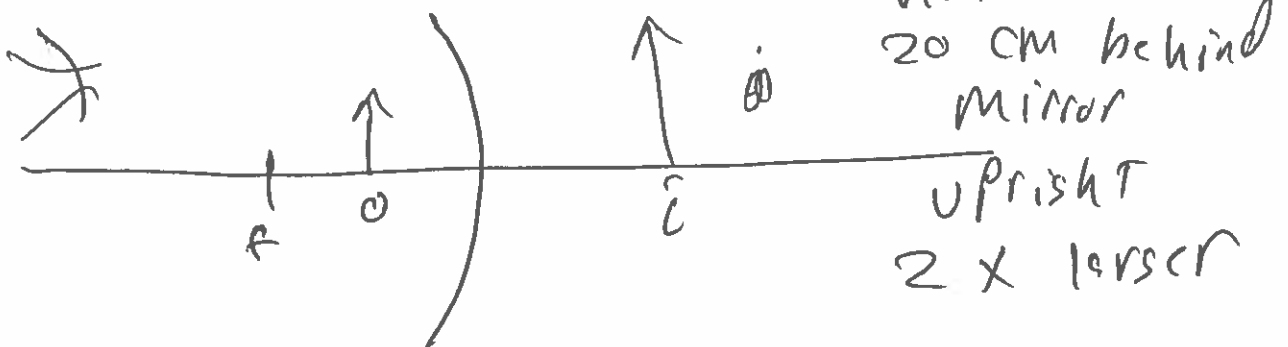
$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{o} + \frac{1}{i}$$

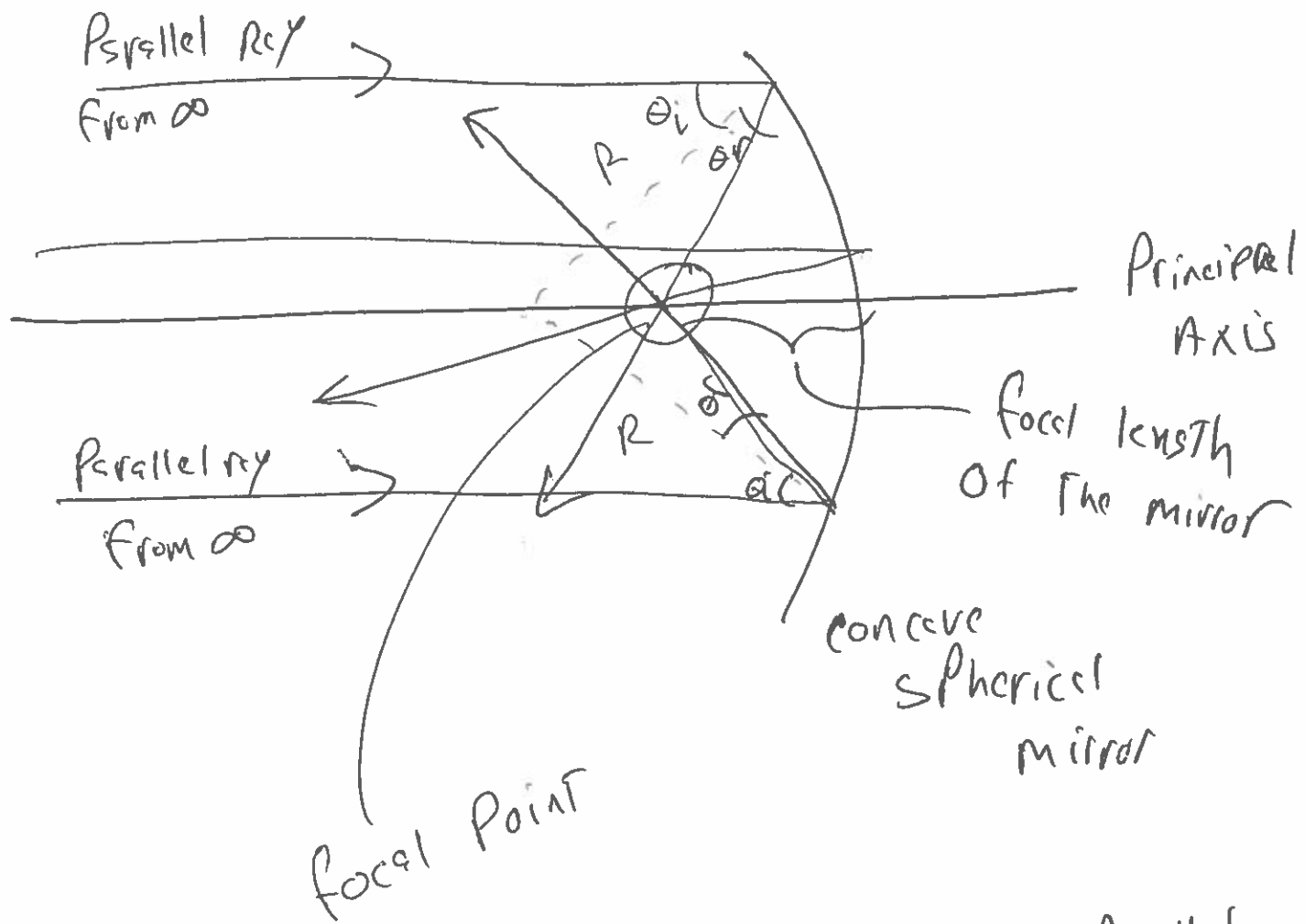
$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{o} = \frac{1}{20 \text{ cm}} - \frac{1}{10 \text{ cm}} = \frac{1-2}{20 \text{ cm}}$$

$$\frac{1}{i} = -\frac{1}{20 \text{ cm}} \Rightarrow i = -20 \text{ cm}$$

$i$  is 20 cm behind mirror  $\Rightarrow$  Virtual Upright

$$M = \frac{-i}{o} = \frac{-(-20 \text{ cm})}{10 \text{ cm}} = +2 \times$$





focal point is the point at which parallel rays (i.e. from  $\infty$ ) cross after reflecting from the spherical mirror.

focal length is the distance from the mirror to the focal point.

$$f = \frac{1}{2} R \quad \text{focal length} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ radius of curvature}$$

eg/

object 30 cm away  $R = 40\text{cm}$

convex mirror where is  $i$ ?

virtual or real?

upright or inverted?

larger or smaller?

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{2}{R} - \frac{1}{o}$$

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{2}{40\text{cm}} - \frac{1}{30\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{20\text{cm}} - \frac{1}{30\text{cm}}$$

Because convex

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{-3 - 2}{60\text{cm}} = \frac{-5}{60\text{cm}}$$

$$i = \frac{-60\text{cm}}{5} = -12\text{cm}$$

$$M = \frac{-(-12\text{cm})}{30\text{cm}}$$

$$M = +\frac{2}{5} \times$$

